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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Ibn Ali Williams, 24, Madison, was sentenced on Wednesday, May 30, 2007, by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 108 months (nine years) of imprisonment for possession of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute. Judge Shabaz stated that he imposed the high sentence because Williams and his co-defendant, Antoine Deal, possessed firearms in connection with their crack cocaine distribution. Deal, who had a more extensive criminal history, was sentenced on April 18, 2007, to 168 months (14 years) for his role in the cocaine distribution scheme. Pursuant to federal law, these sentences will be served without the possibility of parole.

United States Attorney Peterson stated that the charges followed an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force. Prosecution of this case has been handled by Assistant United States Attorney Timothy M. O'Shea.

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